GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1536
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AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing financial assistance to the backward classes for higher education through the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of beneficiaries alongwith the details of the funds provided to them during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the criteria adopted for selecting the beneficiaries under this scheme; and

(e) the number of applications received and approved in this regard during the last year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is implementing the Education Loan Scheme through the National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC)

(b)to (d) A statement is enclosed at Annexure-I

(e) As per guidelines, the eligible students submit loan applications to respective SCAs and the proposals to draw funds from NBCFDC are submitted by the SCAs. Two SCAs had submitted loan proposals to NBCFDC under the scheme during the last yea which were approved for drawal of loan of Rs. 483.70 lakhs by Kerala and Rs.100.00 lakhs by Uttar Pradesh.

Annexure-I

Statement in reply to parts (b) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1536by Shri Ram Tahal Chaudhary to be answered on 1.8.2001 regarding Aid for Higher education.

EDUCATION LOAN SCHEME

NBCFDC has introduced Educational Loan Scheme to provide financial assistance to the students of Backward Classes living below double the poverty line for pursuing general/professional/technical courses or training at graduate and higher level.

Eligibility

1. The students should belong to Backward Classes as notified by Central or State Govt. from time to time.

2. The family income of the applicant student should not exceed Rs. 42,412/- (double the poverty line).

3. The students should have obtained the admission in an institute during current session in the course and institute approved by AICTE, Medical Council of India etc., as the case may be.

Extent of Loan

Maximum loan limit per student is Rs. 75,000/- p.a. subject to maximum of Rs. 3.0 lakh for entire course or actual expenses whichever is less.

Rate of Interest

4.5% p.a. with a rebate of 0.5.% on timely repayment.

Mode of re-payment

The recovery will commence after six months of completion of the course or getting employment/self-employment whichever is earlier.

The total repayment period will be 5 years in monthly instalments.

The eligible students desirous of availing loan under this scheme may contact their State Channelising Agencies.

Details of amount released and number of students assisted during last three years

S.No.	State	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
		Amount(Rs.)	No. of students	Amount(Rs.)	No. of students	Amount(Rs.)	No. of students
1.	Bihar	Nil	Nil	54,864.00	1	Nil	Nil
2.	Madhya Pradesh	59,130.00	2	33,210.00	2	15,390.00	2
3.	Pondicherry	11,009.00	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Tamil Nadu	2,45,345.00	8	72,280.00	8	47,764.00	8